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- ☒ Copy of PCT International Search Report
- ☒ Return postcard

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- ☐ \$ 00.00 pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(b)
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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. The undersigned first became aware of the cited patents by their inclusion in an International Search Report issued by the ISA on December 7, 2005 in the PCT counterpart of the present application. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed.

Each item of information contained in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (see 37 CFR §1.97(c)(1) and 37 CFR §1.97(e)(1)).

Applicant believes that no fee is required. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 13-2546 which may have been overlooked with regard to this filing.

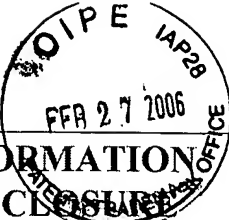
It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Respectfully submitted for,
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